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THE STATUE OF LIBERTY



People in France and the United States wanted to celebrate America's birthday. They decided to make a monument that would represent freedom. It would also symbolize international friendship. People in France decided to make a statue. People in the United States would make a base for the statue.

Frederic Bartholdi was a young French sculptor. He designed the statue. He visited America in 1871 and traveled across the country. He talked with people about how the statue would look. Bartholdi thought New York City was the best place to put the statue when it was finished.

People in France and the United States had to raise money to pay for the statue and the base. It took a long time to raise all the money. The statue would be very large. It would be made from copper and steel. Bartholdi needed help to make such a big statue. He asked an engineer named Alexandre-Gustave Eiffel to help him. Eiffel figured out how to design the inside structure.

Finally, they finished. The completed Statue of Liberty is a woman holding a torch in her right hand. She has a tablet in her left hand. "July IV MDCCLXXVI" is written on the tablet. This is the date of the Declaration of Independence. On her head is a crown. The crown has seven rays for the seven continents. She is standing on chains to show she escaped from tyranny. The Statue of Liberty is 305 feet (93 meters) high from the ground to the top of the torch.

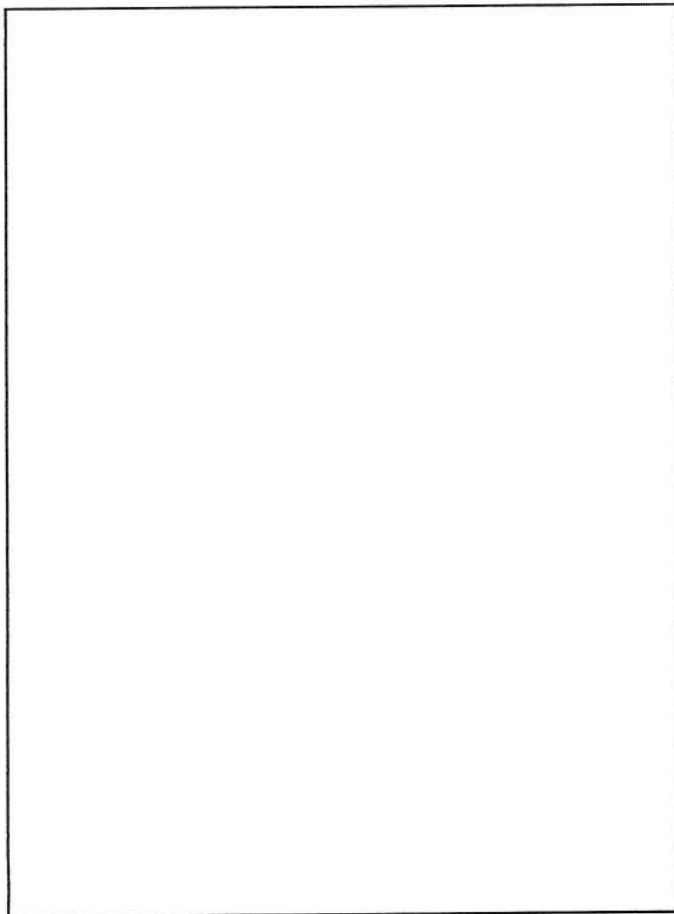
The statue was taken apart to be sent to America from France. It was packed in 214 crates and put on a ship. The ship arrived in New York City in June 1885. The statue was put back together on a small island. The island is in the Hudson River by New York City. The statue was dedicated on October 28, 1886. Millions of immigrants saw the Statue of Liberty when they first arrived in New York City. The Statue of Liberty is a symbol of political freedom.

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Writing Prompts- STATUE OF LIBERTY

Have you ever visited the Statue of Liberty? Would you like to see it? What would be the most interesting part for you?

If you designed a statue to symbolize freedom, what would it look like? Describe it briefly and draw a sketch in the box below.



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Answer the questions about *THE STATUE OF LIBERTY*

1. Who designed the Statue of Liberty?
 - a. British explorer Henry Hudson
 - b. American president Calvin Coolidge
 - c. French engineer Alexandre-Gustave Eiffel
 - d. French sculptor Frederic Bartholdi

2. What purpose does it serve?
 - a. It represents freedom.
 - b. It represents friendship between France and the United States.
 - c. Both of the above
 - d. None of the above

3. Where is it located?
 - a. It is in France.
 - b. It is on an island in the Hudson River.
 - c. It is in the middle of New York City.
 - d. None of the above

4. When was it built?
 - a. It was built during the American Revolution.
 - b. Construction started at the end of the 17th century.
 - c. Construction started at the end of the 19th century.
 - d. It was built in 1886.

5. Which of the following is NOT mentioned in the article?
 - a. The name of the ship that brought the statue to America was "Isere."
 - b. The statue is 93 meters tall.
 - c. Eiffel was a French engineer who helped Bartholdi.
 - d. France and the United States cooperated to make this monument.